

## THE GREAT NAVAL CONFLICT OF THE WAR DRAWS NEAR

### America's Two Big Squadrons May Join Battle With Spain's Cape Verde Fleet Any Moment.

#### HUNTING OUR ENEMY.

**Admiral Sampson Sails to Find the Big Spanish Fleet and to Destroy the Dons' Boasted Armada.**

#### SPANISH FLEET SAILS FROM MARTINIQUE.

**Many Conflicting Reports About the Spanish Fleet—Has Been Sighted Sailing South After the Oregon.**

#### THE ENEMY CAN NOT ESCAPE BOTH OF OUR FLEETS.

Washington, May 11.—A bulletin just issued states that Sampson has sailed to intercept if possible the Spanish fleet. Sampson has orders to engage the fleet at the earliest moment. The administration hourly expects a cable dispatch with important news.

The Spanish fleet left Martinique yesterday afternoon.

Washington, May 11.—New orders were today sent to the flying squadron under Schley. They will reach the squadron today at Charleston, S. C. The orders are secret.

St. Pierre, Martinique, May 14.—There is a flotilla of eight Spanish warships and seven torpedo vessels in the vicinity of this island. It is supposed a part of this flotilla is heading northwest.

It is positively known a part of the Spanish fleet is cruising about near Martinique, keeping watch on the United States auxiliary cruiser Harward.

The commander of the Harward, which is in the harbor of St. Pierre, has asked permission to remain there seven days to make repairs to some disabled machinery. The time asked for by the Harward has been granted by the French authorities here, but her commander has been notified that when the repairs are completed he must give 24 hours' notice before leaving.

#### STARVATION IN CUBA.

Key West, May 11.—Maj. Lima brings news direct from Cuba, saying that hundreds of reconcentrados are dying of starvation daily. The Spaniards eat everything. The carcasses of the reconcentrados are thrown to the vultures. Maj. Lima is urging the army to send a relief expedition.

#### AFTER THE OREGON AGAIN.

Washington, May 11, 2:17 p. m.—An official bulletin says that the Spanish fleet has been sighted off Curacao, 500 miles south of Martinique, off the Venezuelan coast, and that it is sailing southward to intercept the Oregon.

#### THE CABLES ARE CUT.

New York, May 11.—The West Indian cable has been broken and it is believed that the Spaniards have cut it in order to conceal their movements.

#### PREPARING FOR A LONG TRIP.

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—News by pilot boat sent from the flying squadron says that the fleet carries coal for a long voyage. The cruisers New Orleans and Minneapolis have joined the flying squadron.

#### TEN SPANIARDS KILLED.

Key West, Fla., May 11.—About forty soldiers of the First United States Infantry yesterday afternoon effected a temporary landing near Cabañas and engaged in a hot skirmish with Spanish infantry and cavalry. It was the first landing of

#### SAMPSON BATTERS SAN JUAN.

**Correct Story of the Bombardment of That City by the American Squadron Thursday.**

#### FIGHTING BOB EVANS LEAD OFF.

Spain's Guns Silenced and Morro Castle Reduced to a Heap of Rubble—Bombardment Lasted Three Hours.

#### BUT ONE AMERICAN SAILOR WAS KILLED.

St. Thomas, on board the Scripps-McRae despatch boat Kanapa, May 12.—Admiral Sampson's squadron, composed of the battleship Iowa, the flagship New York, the Indiana, the monitors Terror and Amphitrite, the cruisers Detroit and Montgomery and the torpedo boat Porter, in search of the Cape Verde fleet, arrived at San Juan at 5 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Detroit led the way in the harbor and the Iowa opened fire on Morro Castle. The Detroit's guns followed at short range and the others in order named, except the Montgomery.

Twenty or thirty Spanish guns replied to the fleet. The fleet's first fire fell short, but the second round got the elevation, silencing Morro, fired the town and drove the Spaniards from their guns repeatedly.

The fire was excellent.

The Porter ran in at short range and drew the Spanish fire fearfully.

The Spaniards mounted seven good guns but their marksmanship was wretched. They fired hundreds of shots.

They hit the New York once and killed a seaman, Frank Wadsworth; broke the leg of Samuel Feltman, an ordinary seaman; and slightly wounded three others.

One shot hit the Iowa but did no damage except to Marine G. Morkle, who got a broken elbow, and R. C. Hill and John Mitchell, seamen, slightly hurt.

The damage ashore is unknown, but is estimated to be large.

The fleet is now outside awaiting the Spanish fleet from Cape Verde. The bombardment lasted three hours.

#### SPAIN IS CONFIDENT.

Madrid, May 11.—The Spanish papers admit their defeat at Manila, but say that their fleet will even up the score with Sampson. They are rushing preparations on the fleet at Cadiz, with the hope of retaking Manila.

#### SPAIN AND FRANCE.

Washington, May 11.—The second Spanish fleet, composed of the battleship Pelayo, armored cruiser Empedrado Carlos V, cruisers Alfonso XIII, Rapido and Patria, and three torpedo boats, now at Cadiz, is said to be preparing to convey a strong military expedition to the Philippines.

France is under suspicion of favoring Spain, notwithstanding her avowed neutrality. The report that the Spanish fleet has been allowed to coal at Martinique will be investigated. It is also suspected that messages giving the United States government information of the movements of the Spanish warships have been delayed at St. Pierre.

#### INVASION POSTPONED.

Washington, May 11.—The invasion of Cuba in force will be postponed until Admiral Sampson has found the Spanish ironclads and settled with them. It is desired to have a strong force of warships to protect the invading army, and these cannot be spared until the Spanish fleet is put out of the way.

#### POST MORTEM.

An Enlarged Artery Is What Occasioned the Death.

A post-mortem examination was held over the remains of Mr. Gus Vance by several physicians this morning, and it was found that the disease that caused his death was an enlargement of one of the large arteries in his throat. It was a very unusual case.

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#### DALTON, THE TAILOR

#### SPAIN'S FLEET MAY SAIL FOR CUBA.

**Doubtful if the American Fleets Can Intercept It, Should Such Be Its Destination.**

#### AT MARTINIQUE SEVERAL DAYS.

The Spaniards Held the Cable Off Key West Until They Got Ready to Leave—Destination Is of Course Unknown.

#### THE FLEET MAY BE AFTER THE OREGON.

Washington, May 11.—If the Spanish admiral obtained information at Fort de France in regard to the location of Sampson's fleet he is probably now heading directly for Cuba.

He has a decided advantage over the American fleet in such a movement.

If the Spanish vessels have continued due west, or even west by northwest, since they were signalled west of Martinique, they are now nearing San Juan.

If they are bent on reaching Cuba, either by the channel between Haiti and the island or by the Yucatan channel at the west end of Cuba, it will probably be impossible for Sampson to intercept them.

If the American admiral learned promptly enough, however, of the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet, he may be able to descend upon it by way of the passage between Porto Rico and Haiti, though this is improbable.

It will also be a hard race between the flying squadron and the Spanish warships if the former undertakes to reach Cuba in advance of the enemy's arrival.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11.

Capt. Cotton, of the Auxiliary Cruiser Harward at St. Pierre, in his eighth telegram to the navy department received yesterday states that his despatches were held up at St. Pierre until after the Spanish squadron had sailed.

He also states that the Spaniards had been at St. Pierre for several days. They are accompanied by two big supply ships and all sailed together.

From Capt. Cotton's telegram, navy department officials believe that the Spanish fleet is bound for Cienfuegos. There is an active energetic consul at Martinique and it is believed that he would have immediately notified the state department of the Spanish fleet's presence at St. Pierre if he had been permitted to do so.

Some naval officers are inclined to believe that the Spanish fleet is going to meet the Oregon, Marietta and Buffalo, bound from Bahia, Brazil, to Key West.

Washington, May 11.—The Harward, an auxiliary cruiser, is in St. Pierre. She will be detained until the Forer and Terror, Spanish torpedo boat destroyers, which were there Thursday, are at a safe distance. The whole Spanish fleet was sighted off Martinique Thursday steaming Northward.

It is 400 miles from Martinique to San Juan.

#### BITTEN BY A DOG.

Roy Neal, the 18-year-old son of Carl Neal, of Mechanicsburg, was bitten by a dog supposed to have the rabies, late yesterday afternoon. The animal was killed by a man named Nelson.

#### MORE HOT FIGHTING.

**Gunboats Montgomery and Windom Engage a Thousand Spaniards Off Cienfuegos—Two Hundred Killed.**

#### THE CABLE CUT AND FORTS DESTROYED.

The De of Ensign Bagley and His Brave Comrades Avenged by the Wilmington on Thursday.

#### CARDENAS SHELLED; HUNDREDS OF SPANIARDS SLAIN.

Key West, May 11.—One of the most serious of the many small engagements that have occurred off the coast of Cuba took place at Cienfuegos on Wednesday of this week.

In pursuance of the determination of Capt. Sampson to completely cut off Havana from outside communication, the cruiser Montgomery and the gunboat Windom were sent to Cienfuegos to cut the cable there. The gunboats found the city protected by 1000 Spanish soldiers and shore batteries, and under a heavy fire from them the two gunboats succeeded in cutting the cable.

The fire from the American gunboats was very destructive, and it is estimated that 200 Spaniards were killed and many wounded.

The American leveled the Spanish forts, blew up the arsenals and captured the blockhouses, in addition to cutting the cable.

#### CARDENAS SHELLED.

Key West, Fla., May 11.—The death of gallant Ensign Bagley and his five brave comrades on board the Windom has been avenged by the gunboat Wilmington. On Thursday the Wilmington returned to Cardenas, where the battle had taken place the day before, and shelled the town, doing an immense amount of damage. The guns of the forts and shore batteries were silenced, most of the town was burned and the forts crumbled. A party was landed from the gunboat and planted the stars and stripes over the ruins. The party found 300 dead bodies in the forts

and 200 dead in the arsenal and the town a complete mass of ruins.

#### ANOTHER WAR PROBABLE.

London, May 11.—British officers here think that England and France will be at war within a month. It is claimed that the unusual activity in the army and navy of each nation proves that such is the probability.

#### A BRILLIANT VICTORY.

Key West, May 11, 2:35 p. m.—Additional news from Cardenas shows that the Wilmington returned there to avenged the Windom, and killed 600 Spaniards and destroyed the Spanish forts. It was a brilliant victory and has aroused the greatest enthusiasm here.

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#### WINSLOW NOT BADLY HURT.

Key West, Fla., May 11.—The torpedo boat Winslow is not in nearly such bad condition as was reported yesterday.

She is literally shot full of holes, but many of them are small ones made by fragments of shells and none of her injuries seem to be of a nature that will not admit of prompt repair.

The 14 men left of her crew working under Ensign Bagley of the Wilmington, got her ready for sea after two hours' labor.

#### FRANCE AND AMERICA.

TO THE PADUCAHER.

It appears that the many and various expressions of editorial articles that are circulated by the press in all kinds of coloring are calculated to create wrong impressions and to awaken enmities between the true and to-the-manner-born Americans and her best friend on earth, and even inclusive of the starry field on the canopy of heaven.

To cite any of those misdeeds would be too tedious; they evidently emanate from ignorance or a kind of hidden enmity that does injustice to both France and America by ventilating such galling utterances as the Evening News so inconsiderately slings forth against a nation that has never failed to be constant in her friendly relations with the United States. The world understands that France entertains no fears from any quarters of the universe. She has a big heart and is true to her principles, to God and to justice: France is my mother and America my mother-in-law, both of them I am ever ready to defend at any moment with the best temper that I may be able to entertain. Respectfully,

J. P. GIBKNEY.

#### CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of the More-Cane Dry Kiln Co., against the McKinney Veneer and Package Co., which had been on trial in the circuit court for nearly a week, was decided this morning, a verdict being rendered in favor of the defendant for \$601, but the decision states the mill belongs to the plaintiffs.

#### A LONG BLAST.

The towboat Irvin, while at the head of the island this morning about 6:30, had something to go wrong with her whistle, and for about an hour, it blew a continuous blast, and was heard all over town, many people wondering what it was.

She left shortly after her whistle began, and it was still blowing when she got out of hearing, and may be blowing yet.

#### AFTER THIEVES.

Officer Gray Goes to Sturgis After Alleged Thieves.

Chas. Jackson, and Gilbert, alias Everett, are under arrest in Sturgis, Ky., on a warrant charging them with stealing a watch and chain from Will Foster, of the city. They were arrested last night, and Marshal Collins was notified by telegraph.

They are alleged to have stolen the watch on the 16th, of April, and have not been seen here since. The watch was silver, with a gold chain.

Conniser's delight—Linnwood Cigar.











